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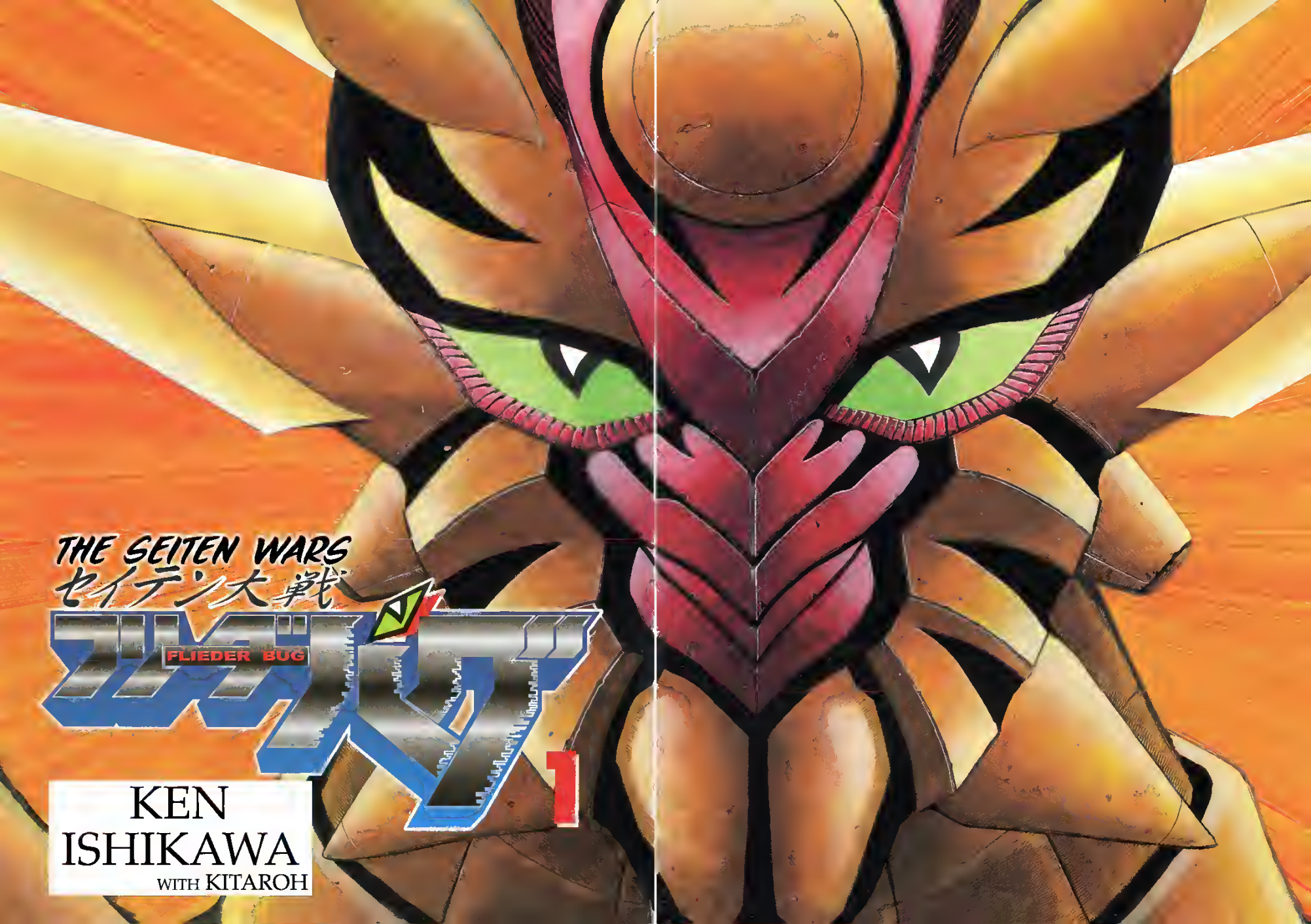
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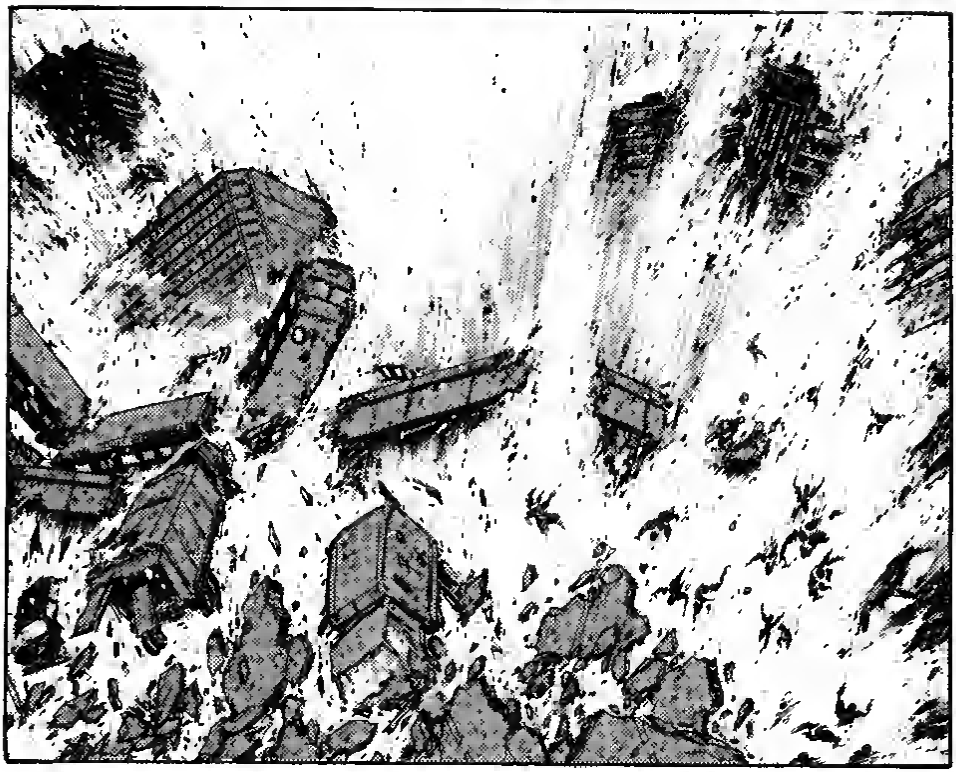

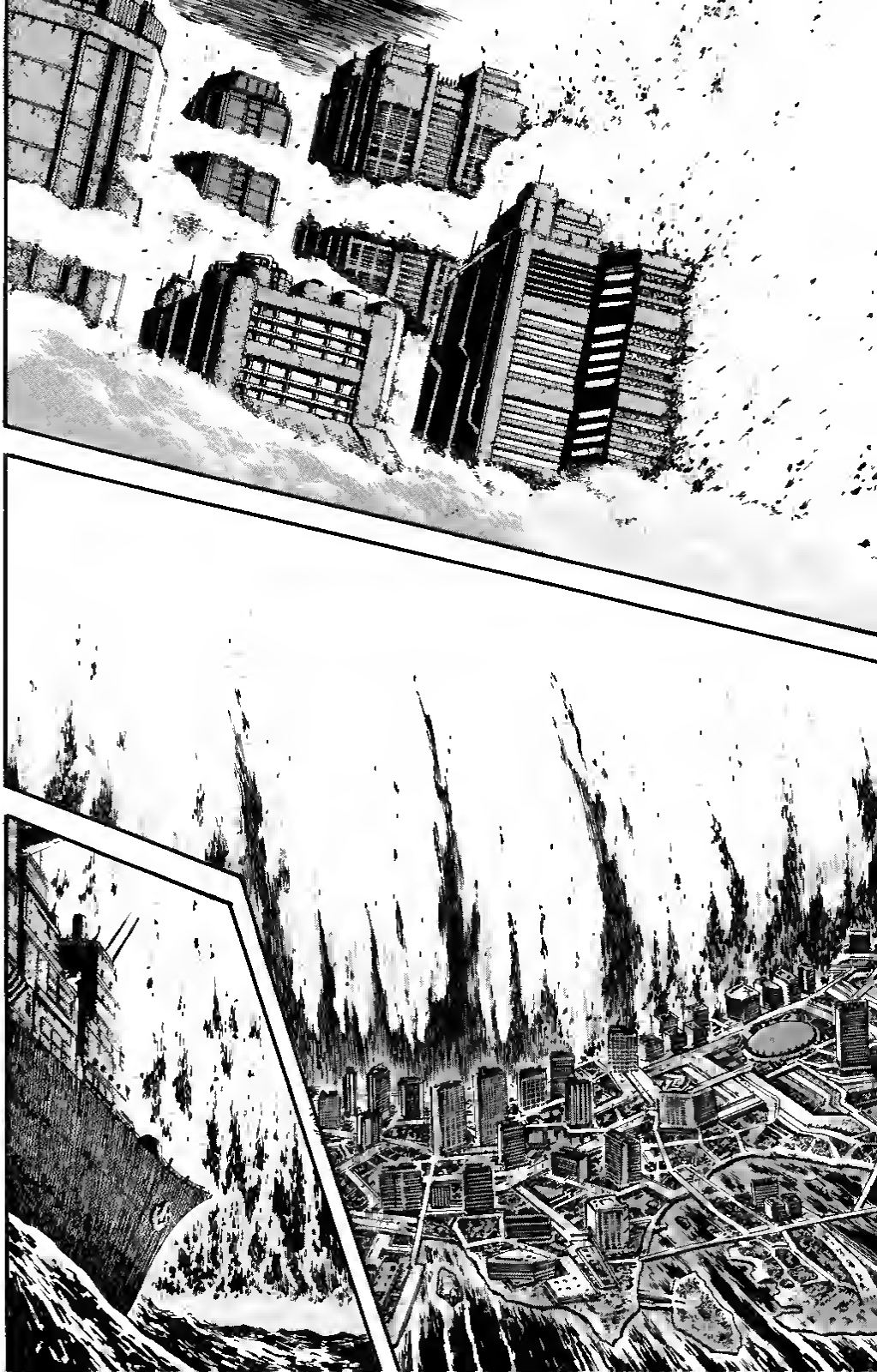

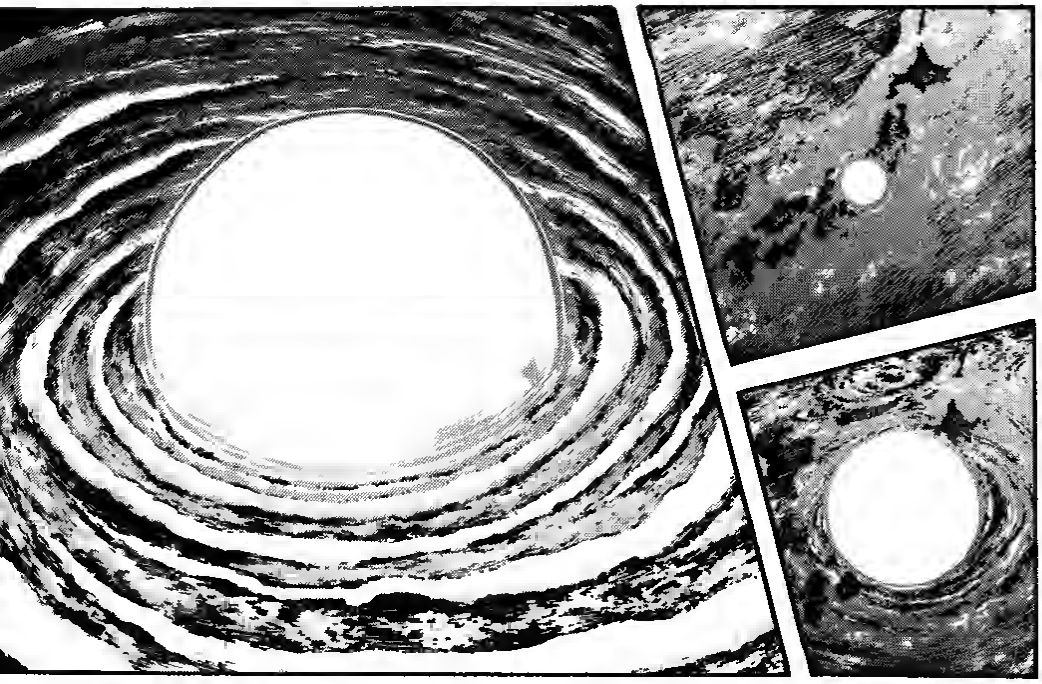

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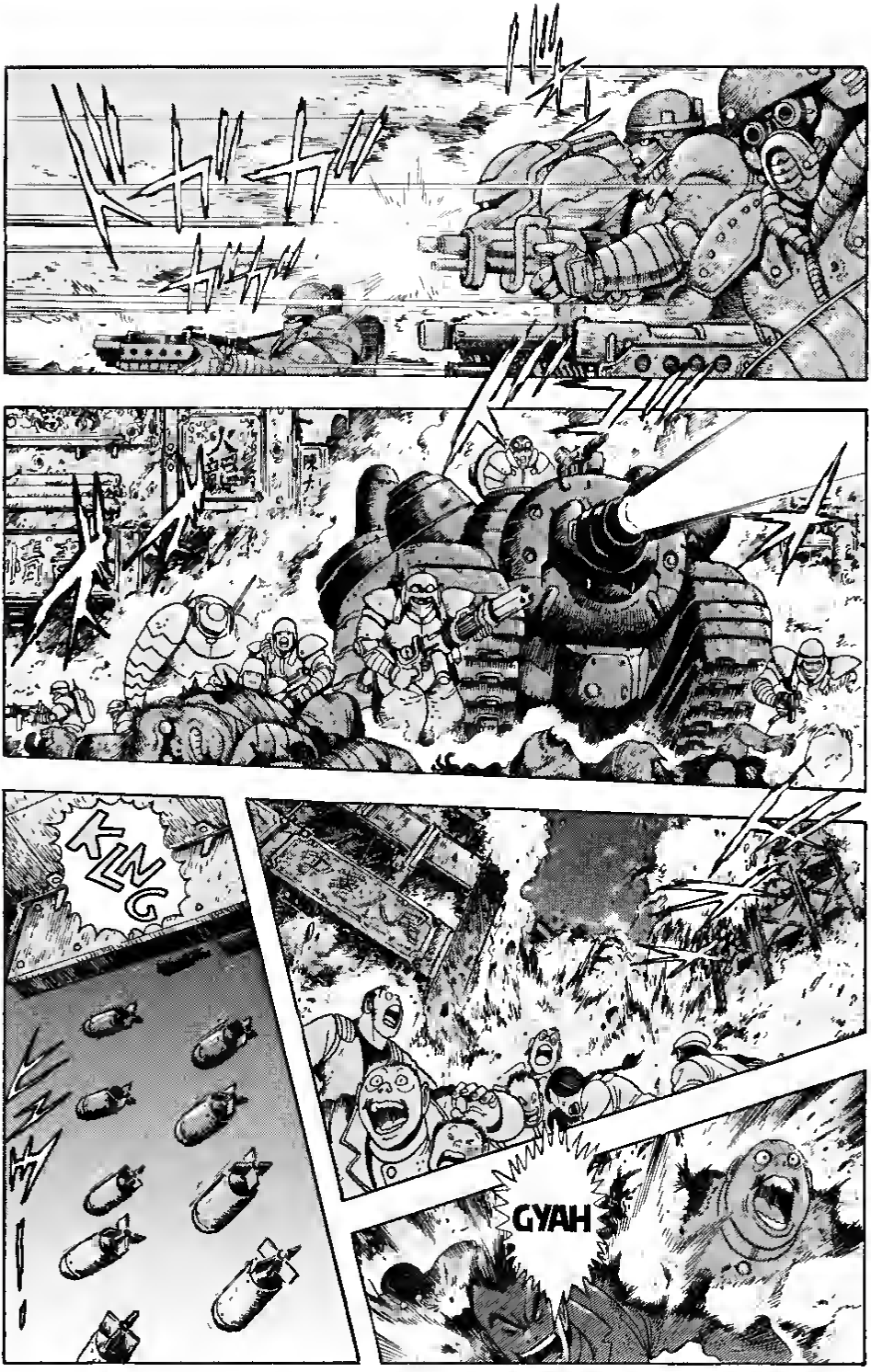
THE OUTBREAK OF THE SEITEN WARS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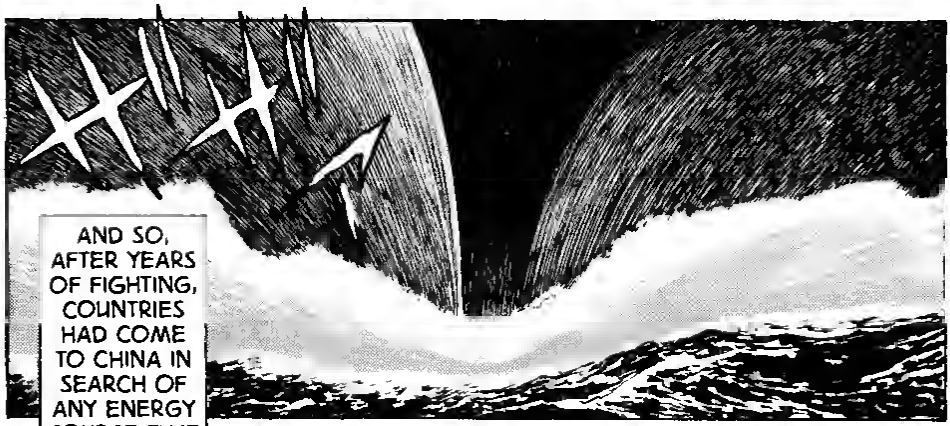
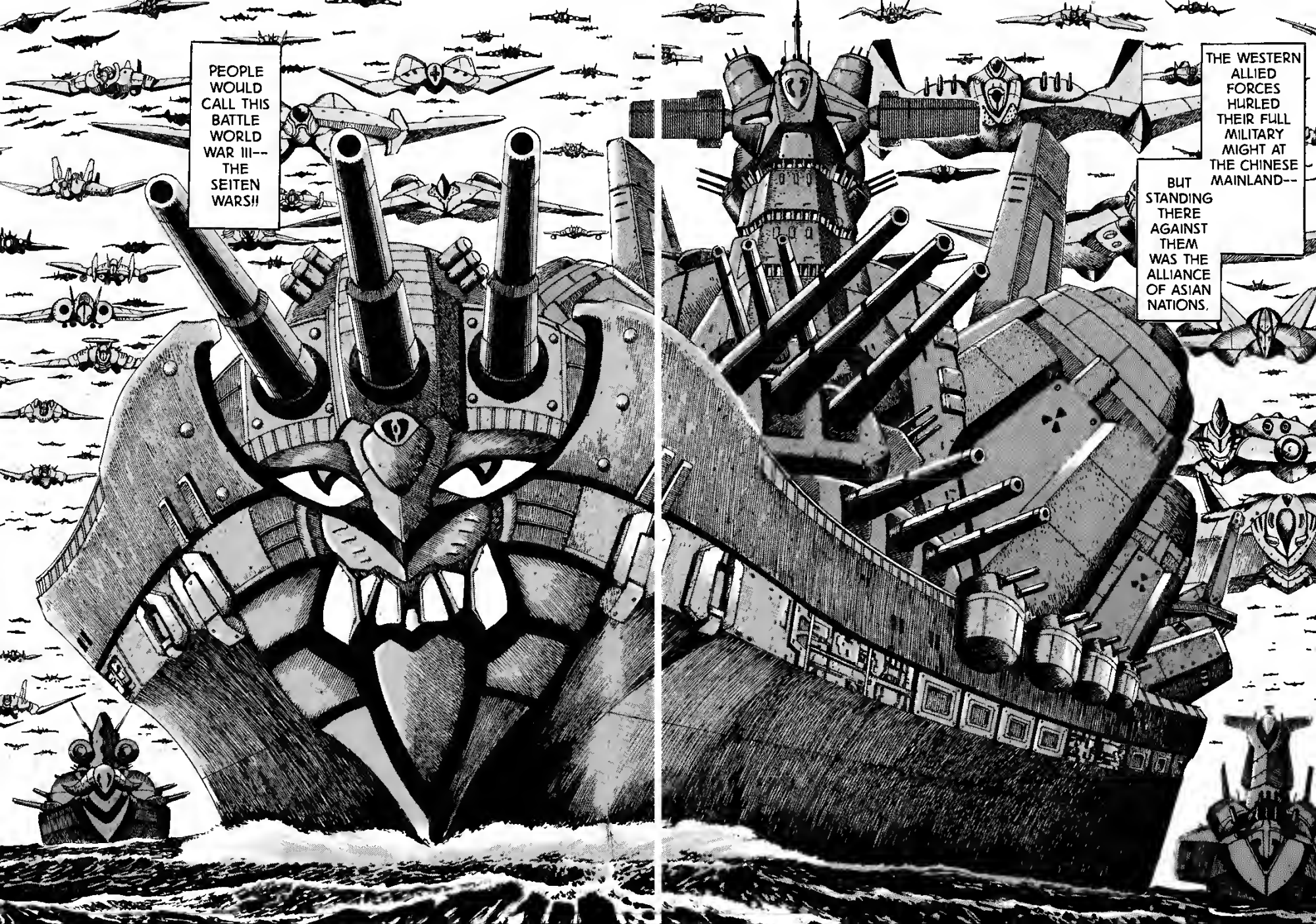
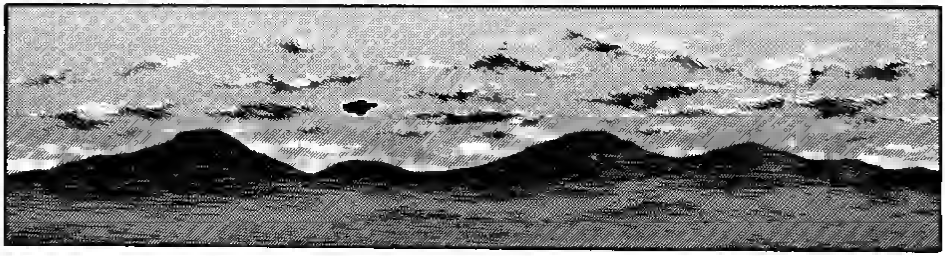
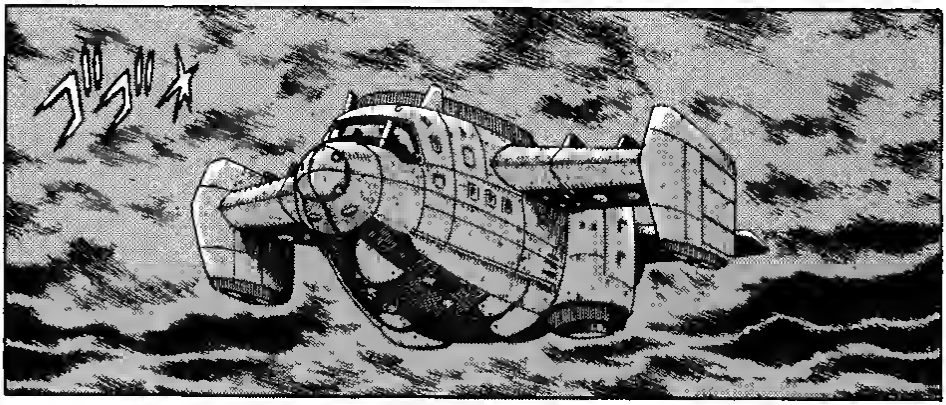
IT DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TIME FOR REGIONAL CONFLICTS TO DEVELOP INTO A FULL-SCALE WORLD WAR.
BY THE YEAR 2035, CONSTANT STRIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAD THROWN THE WORLD INTO AN ENERGY CRISIS.


AND SO, AFTER YEARS OF FIGHTING, COUNTRIES HAD COME TO CHINA IN SEARCH OF ANY ENERGY SOURCE THAT REMAINED.


PEOPLE WOULD CALL THIS BATTLE WORLD WAR III-- THE SEITEN WARS!!
THE WESTERN ALLIED FORCES HURLED THEIR FULL MILITARY MIGHT AT THE CHINESE MAINLAND--
BUT STANDING THERE AGAINST THEM WAS THE ALLIANCE OF ASIAN NATIONS.

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I CAN BARELY MAINTAIN ALTITUDE, HERE.
THEY'RE REALLY PACKED IN TIGHT.

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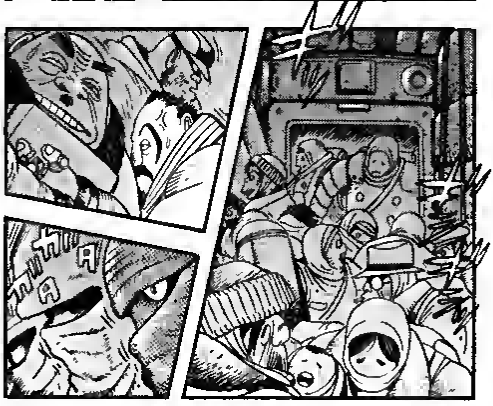
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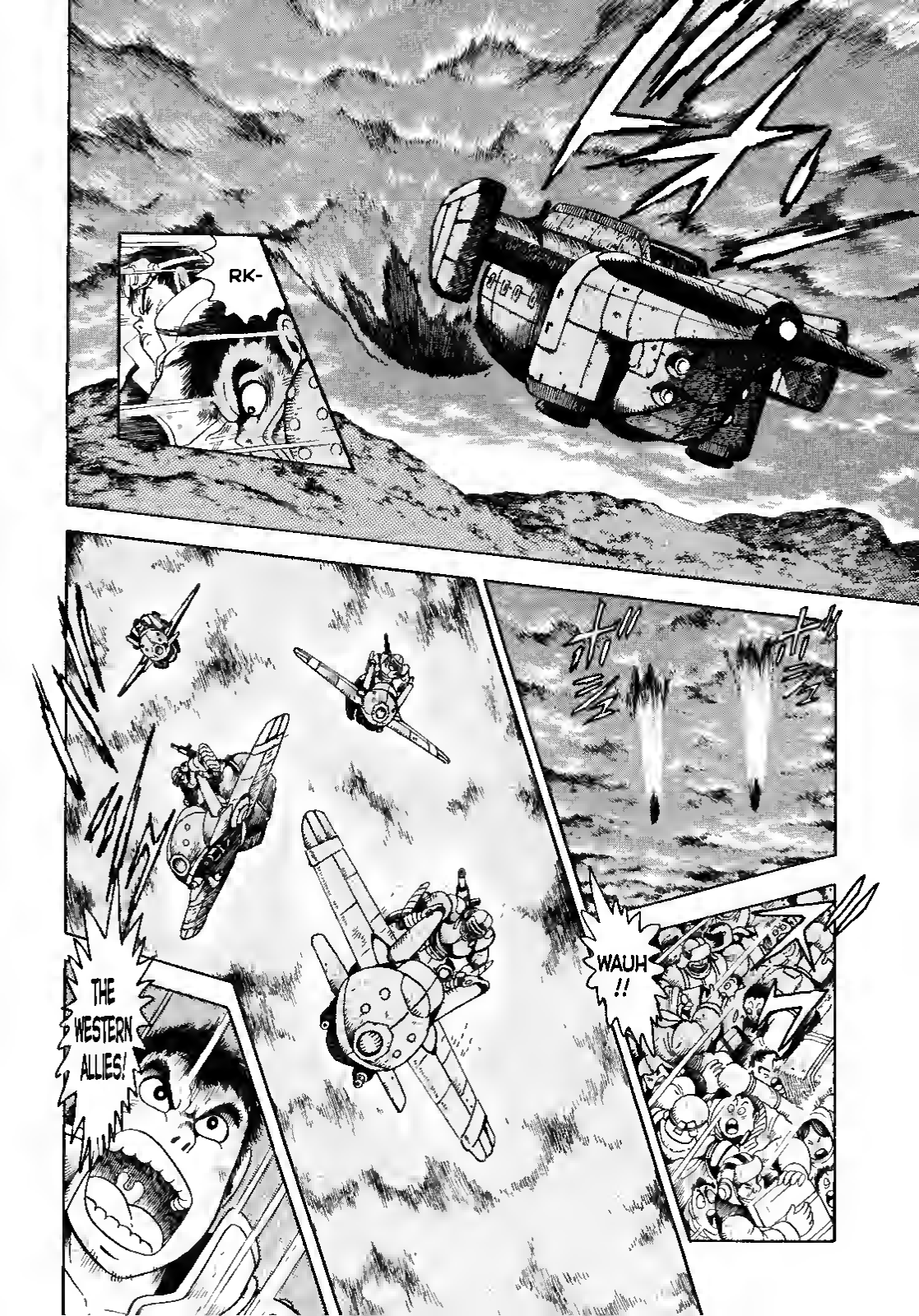
YOU PIECE A' SHIT. THAT'S BEEN YOUR PLAN FROM THE START, HUH?
THE REFUG-EES--
WILL PROVIDE CAMOU-FLAGE FOR BUG.
KH! YA DAMN HUMANIST !!
NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. WERE WE JUST GONNA ABANDON 'EM TO THAT?
YAMATO.
THERE'S A LOTTA MONEY ON THE LINE FOR US, TOO. WE'LL MAKE SURE THE CARGO GETS DELIVERED.
YEAH, I GOT YA. WE HAVE A CONTRACT.
LOOK AT THAT. THERE'S MOUNT CHEONBO.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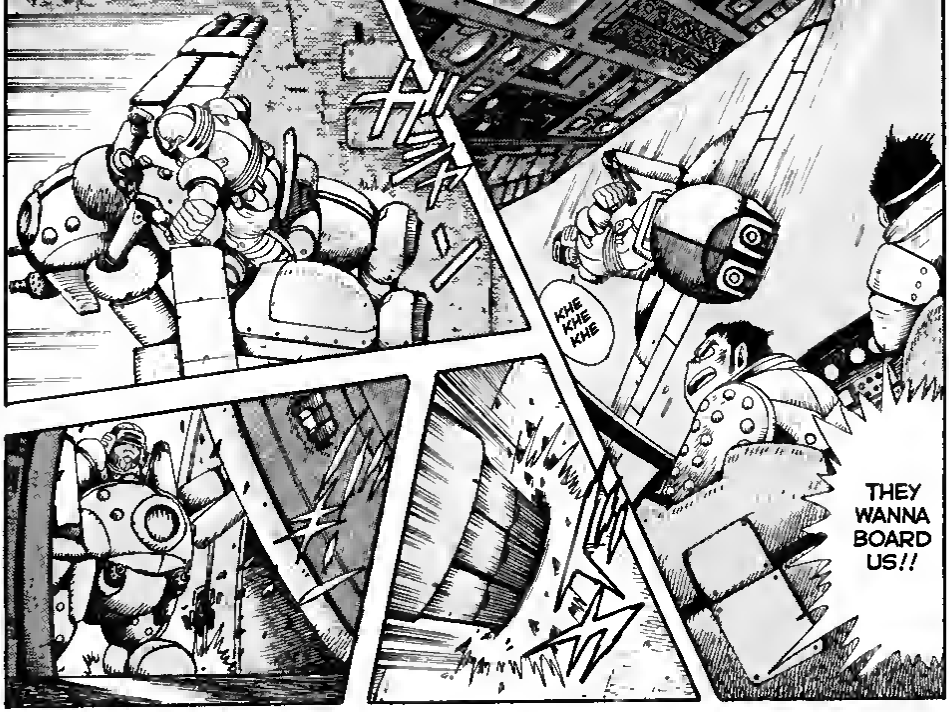
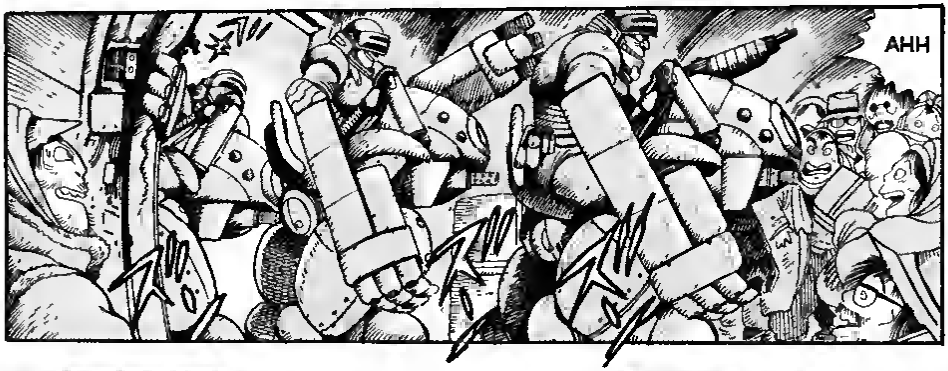
WAUH !!
THE WESTERN ALLIES!

YEEE-AHOO!
ERGHH, MOUNT CHEONBO IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
WE GOTTA HOLD OUT!

JUST WHAT'S IN THIS BUG?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU SEE IT.
COLONEL, THIS THING CAN BARELY KEEP ITSELF AFLOAT.
IT CAN'T CRASH. WE HAVE TO OBTAIN BUG UN-HARMED.
HEHEHE, AN OVER-STUFFED REFUGEE SHIP, HUH?
AW, COME ON--
YOU HEARD 'IM. GET TO IT, AND BE CAREFUL!!
YES, SIR!


KHE KHE KHE
THEY WANNA BOARD US!!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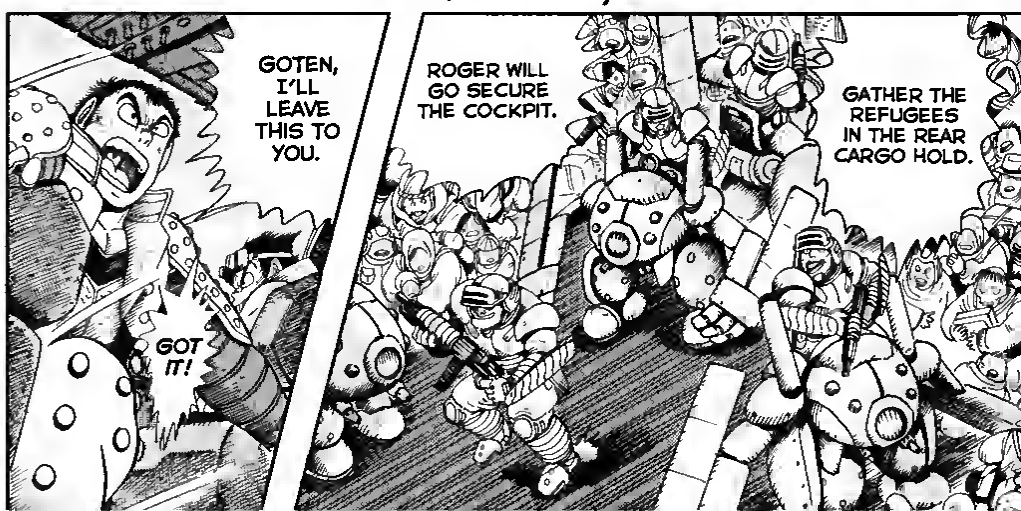
GOTEN, I'LL LEAVE THIS TO YOU.
GOT IT!
ROGER WILL GO SECURE THE COCKPIT.
GATHER THE REFUGEES IN THE REAR CARGO HOLD.

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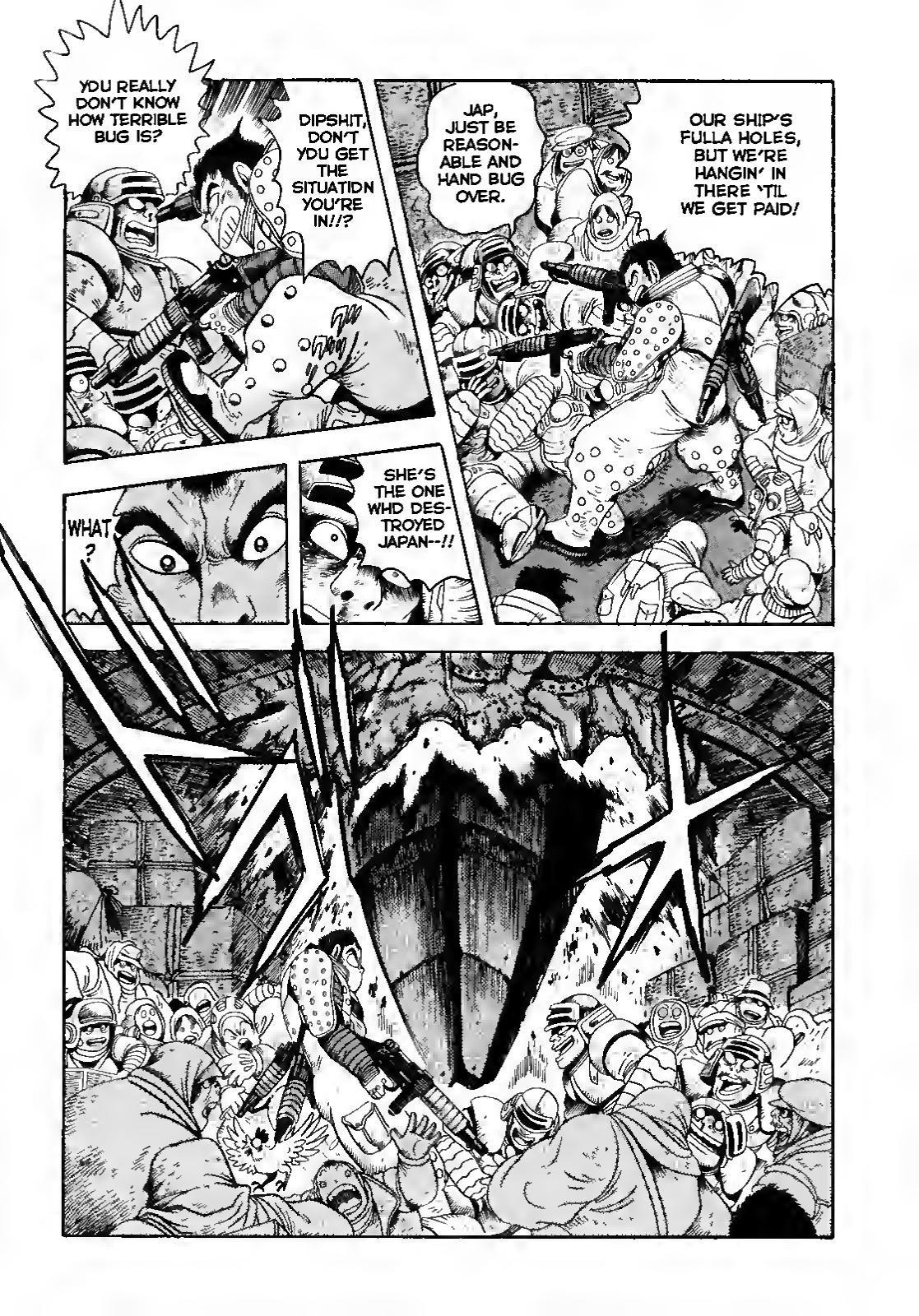
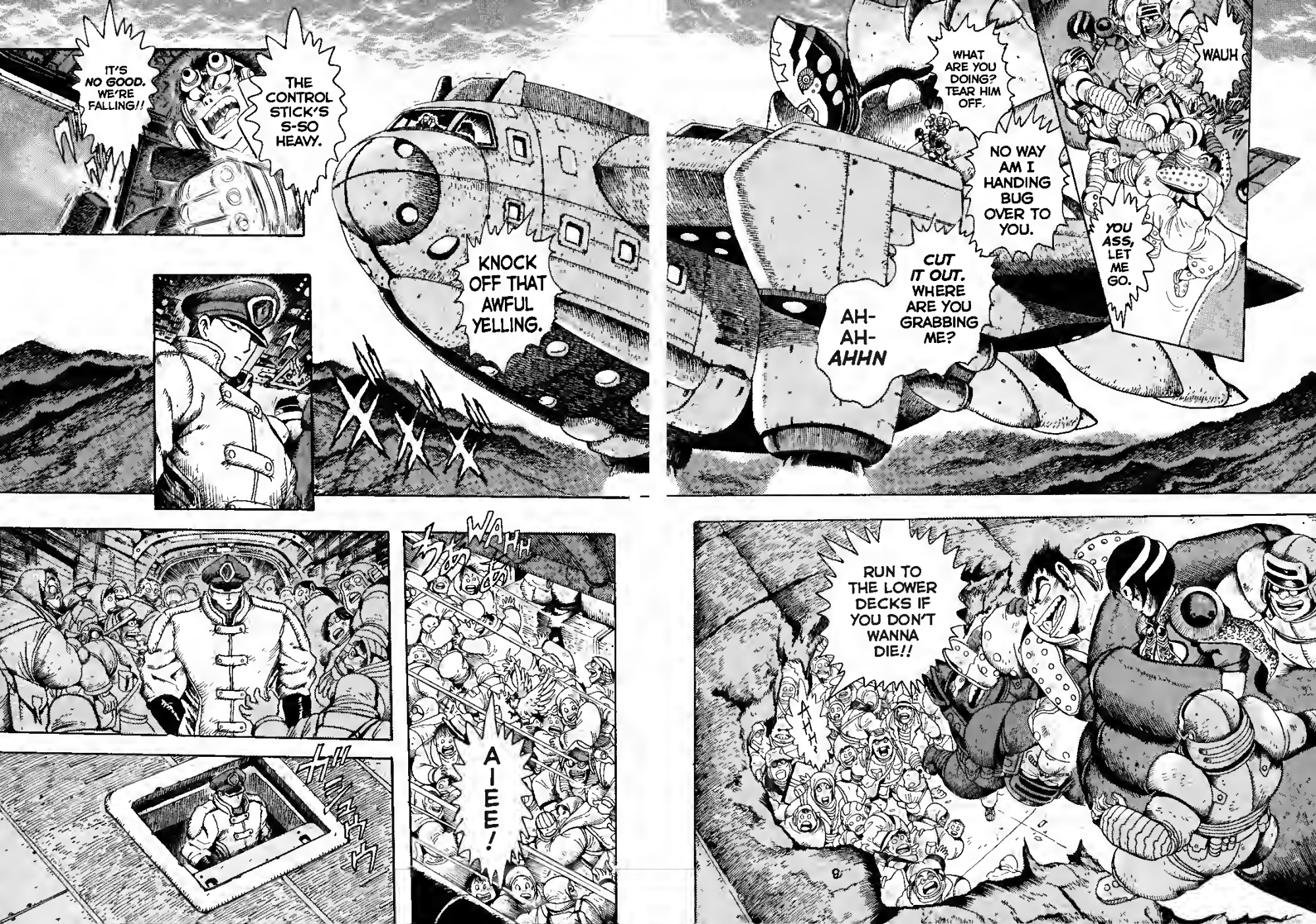
THE CONTRACT INCLUDES PROTEC-TION!!
THEY CAN'T TAKE BUG FROM US.
PANSY.
DRRR
WHERE IS BUG?
WE DON'T KNOW ANYONE LIKE THAT.
JUST LET US LIVE.
WAIT.

A GIRL.

WAUH!
MH-!!
B--
BUG !!
NOW THAT YA'VE SEEN BUG, I REALLY CAN'T LET YOU GO BACK.
JAP!
THIS GUY'S A MONS-TER.

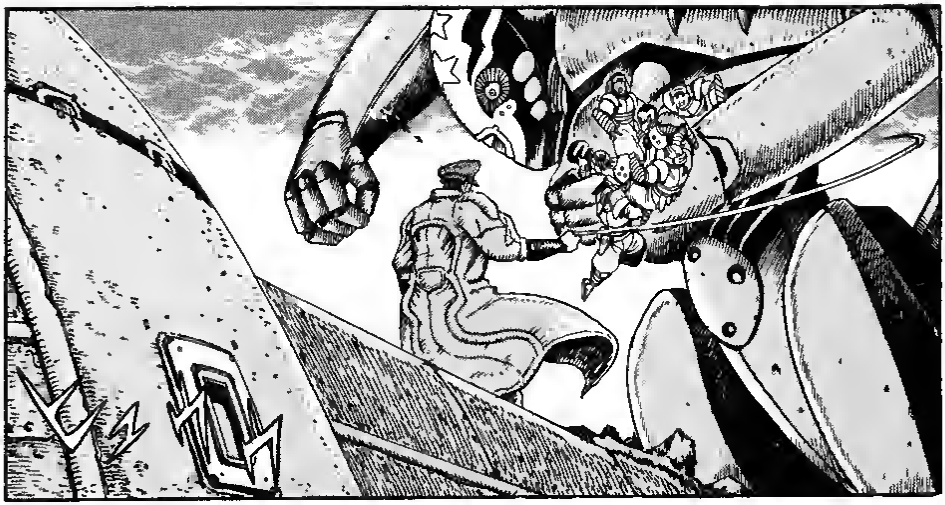

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TERRIBLE BUG IS?
DIPSHIT, DON'T YOU GET THE SITUATION YOU'RE IN!!?
JAP, JUST BE REASONABLE AND HAND BUG OVER.
OUR SHIP'S FULLA HOLES, BUT WE'RE HANGIN' IN THERE 'TIL WE GET PAID!
WHAT?
SHE'S THE ONE WHO DESTROYED JAPAN--!!

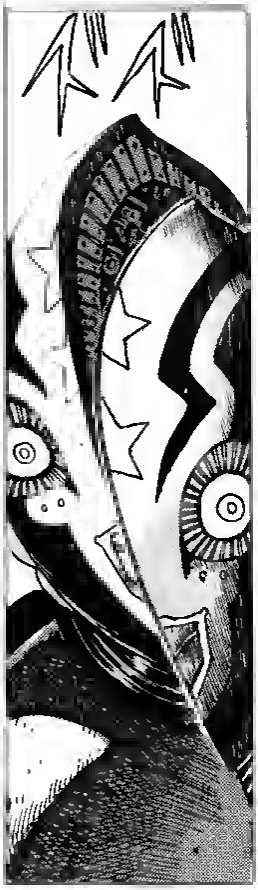
I'VE GOT BUG. LET'S GO.
COLONEL, YER LATE.
RARRH
AHH
RGH
THEY RIPPED A HUGE HOLE OPEN.


IT'S NO GOOD. WE'RE FALLING!!
THE CONTROL STICK'S S-SO HEAVY.
KNOCK OFF THAT AWFUL YELLING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TEAR HIM OFF.
NO WAY AM I HANDING BUG OVER TO YOU.
AH- AH- AHHN
CUT IT OUT. WHERE ARE YOU GRABBING ME?
WAUH
YOU ASS, LET ME GO.
WAHH
AIEE!
RUN TO THE LOWER DECKS IF YOU DON'T WANNA DIE!!

!!
C'MON, YOU SAID YOU'D PROTECT THE CARGO, RIGHT?
SO, YOU WERE ALIVE!!
KORYU!!
YOU SON OF A BITCH, ARE YOU PLANNING TO ACTIVATE BUG AGAIN?
WHICH COUNTRY WILL YOU DESTROY NEXT!?
IT'S YOU.

YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO LIVE.
NOW, *DIE!*





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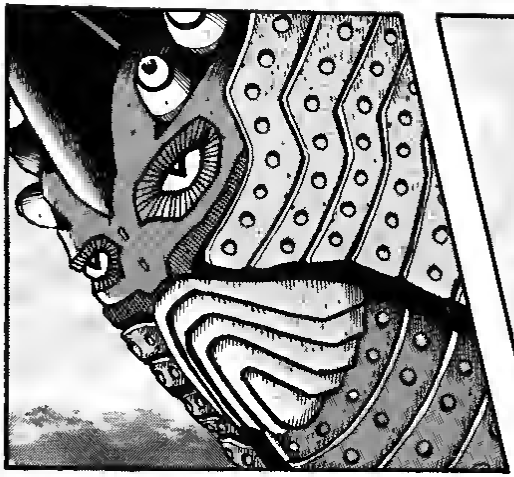
WAH
HUHUHU, I FIGURED IT WOULD BE HERE.
WH- WHAT IS THAT?

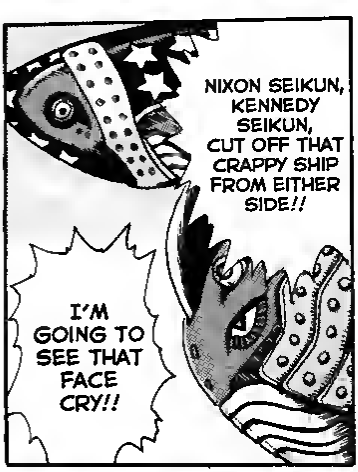
GYYYEH!
WHA-
WHA-
WHA-



THE HELL'RE THOSE THINGS !!?

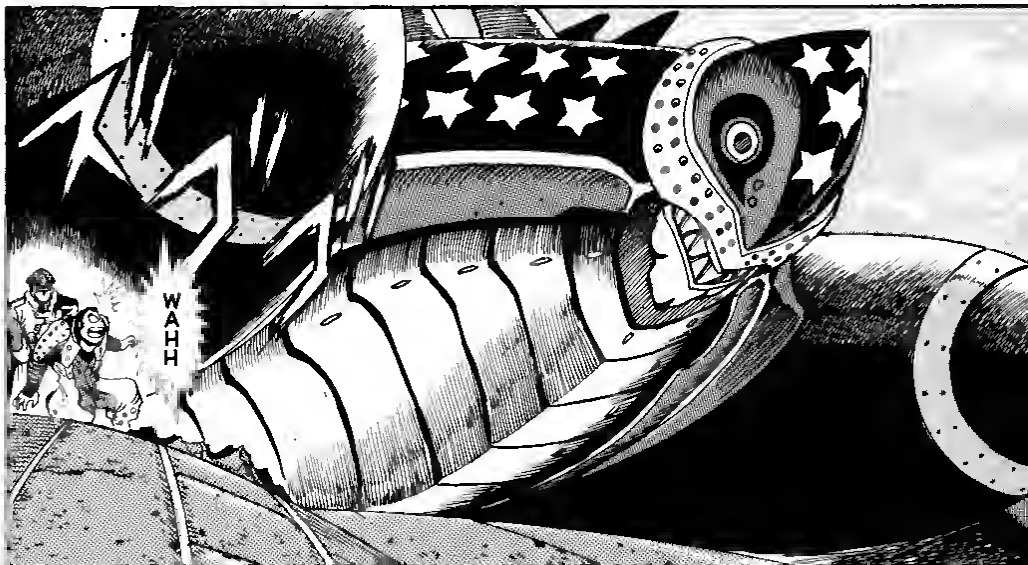
IS THIS CHICK EVEN HUMAN?
IT'S NOT YOUR CONCERN.
RGH, SO MANY TROOPS ARE COMING TOGETHER. JUST WHAT IS BUG, ANYWAYS?
JUST FULFILL THE CONTRACT. WE'LL LIGHTEN THE SHIP AND ESCAPE.
THE REFUGEES HAVE DONE THEIR PART. TOSS THEM OUT.
YOU DUMB-ASS! YOU THINK I'D DO SOME-THIN' LIKE THAT !!?
WHAT DO YOU THINK PEOPLE ARE, ANYWAY !!?
GOOD. EXECUTE OPERATION A. RECOVER BUG!!
BUG IS CONF-IRMED!!

AS SOON AS BUG'S BEEN RETRIEVED, WE'LL BLOW THEM TO HELL WITH THIS SUPER BOMBER, THE *WAR BUG!*
SO, KORYU, IT WAS YOU.


NIXON SEIKUN, KENNEDY SEIKUN, CUT OFF THAT CRAPPY SHIP FROM EITHER SIDE!!
I'M GOING TO SEE THAT FACE CRY!!

HE'S LAUGHING, DAMMIT.

THAT *BAS-TARD.*


WAHH

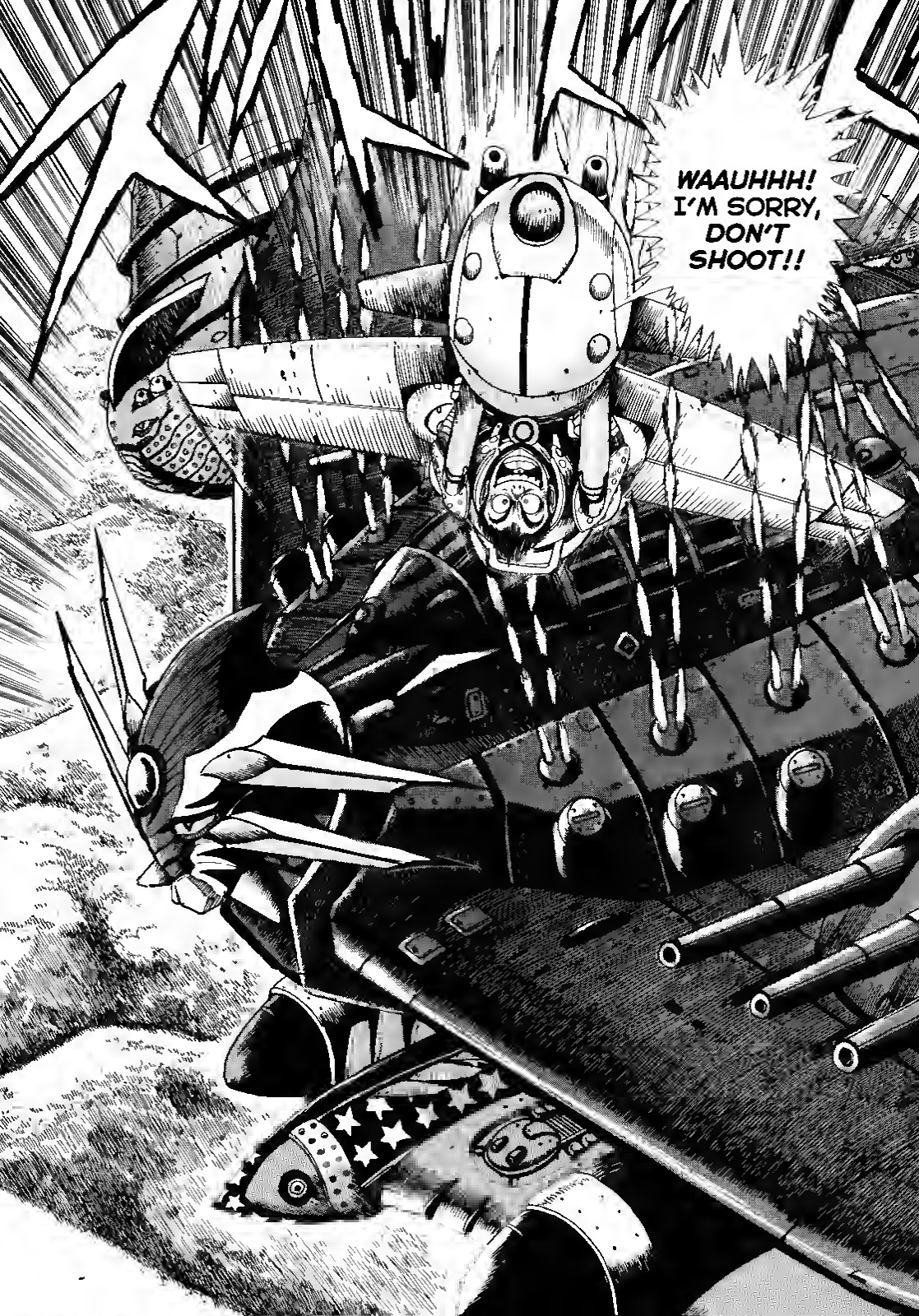
AGHH! WE'RE CAUGHT BETWEEN THEM.
HERE THEY COME FROM ABOVE, TOO.
YOU HAVE TO HURRY. LIGHTEN THE SHIP'S LOAD, YAMATO.
THEY WANT TO FORCE US TO THE GROUND LIKE THIS.
SHUT UP!!
I-I-I-I'M GONNA PROTECT BOTH BUG AND THE REFUGEES!
'CAUSE, Y'KNOW, THE JAPAN-ESE--
THE JAPAN-ESE--

WE'VE GOT THE YAMATO SPIRIT!!
DON'T YOU LAY A HAND ON THOSE REFUGEES BEFORE I GET BACK!!
LET ME SEE YOUR POWER, THEN--
YAMATO GOKOKUJI.
UWORYAHH

WHOA-
HOAA
HOLY
CRAP!

YEESH!

NO WAY. DOES HE PLAN ON TAKING DOWN THE WAR BUG?
I GUESS THE JAPS REALLY ARE AT HOME WITH SUICIDE ATTACKS.
WHAT'S WITH THE KID?
WHAT A JOKE.
WAHAHAHA, THAT'S GREAT.
YAMATO, THIS IS HOPELESS. SHE'S COVERED IN HOLES.

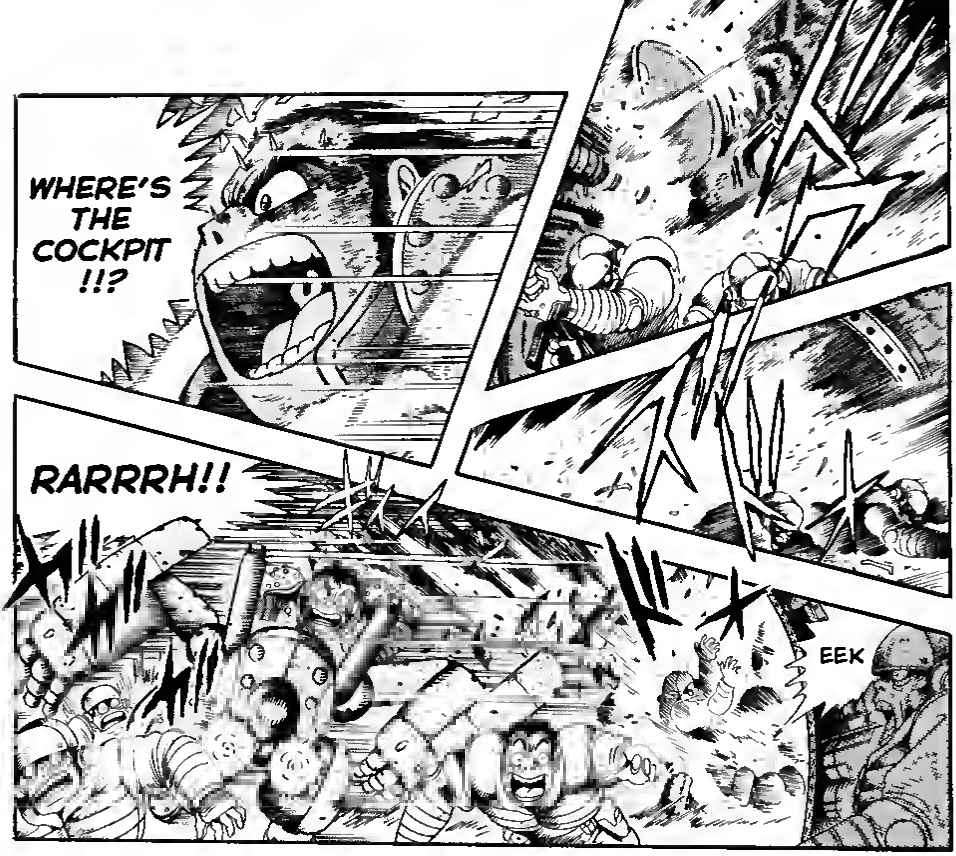

WAAUHHH! I'M SORRY, DON'T SHOOT!!

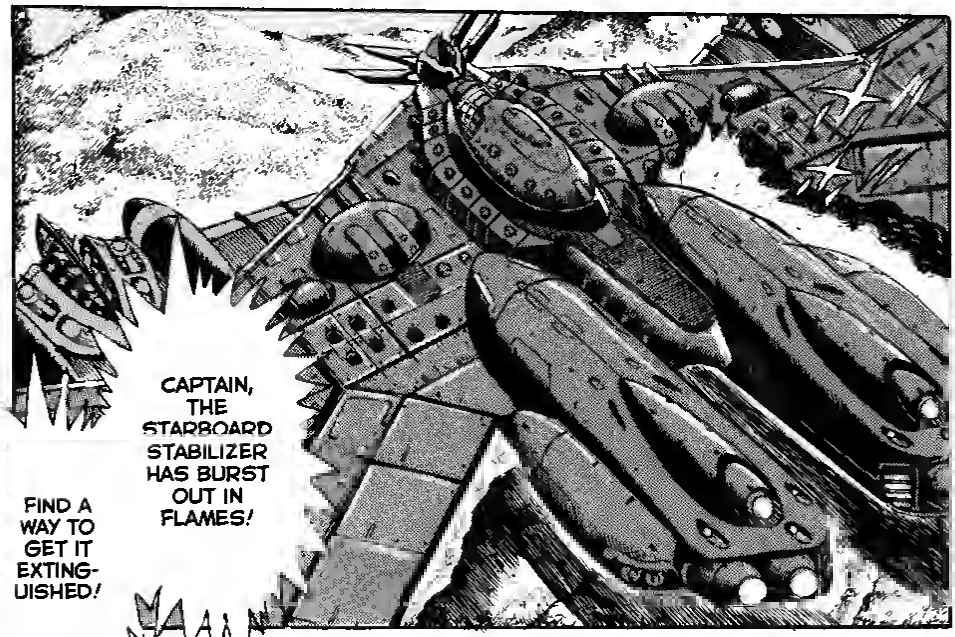
YIEEEE!
DID WE GET HIM?

HUH-?
YOU'RE DONE FOR!!
RRH
OH SHIT.
AGHH

OHH

RGH
GYAHHH
HERE WE GO! IT WON'T MATTER HOW BIG YOU ARE WHEN I SMASH YOU UP ON THE INSIDE!!
HE'S ON HIS WAY HERE!
DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO, JUST STOP HIM!
FINISH THIS WHILE THE DAMAGE IS MINIMAL!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
HE'S BROKEN THROUGH THE 8TH BLOCK!


WHERE'S THE COCKPIT !!?
RARRRH!!
EEK


CAPTAIN, THE STARBOARD STABILIZER HAS BURST OUT IN FLAMES!
FIND A WAY TO GET IT EXTING-UISHED!

HERE HE COMES.
LIGHT THIS JAP UP!!
WAUHH! OUTTA AMMO, ALREADY!!
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' OUTTA MY WAY, SO YOU MUST WANNA DIE.

YER NOT GONNA STOP ME.
AGK-

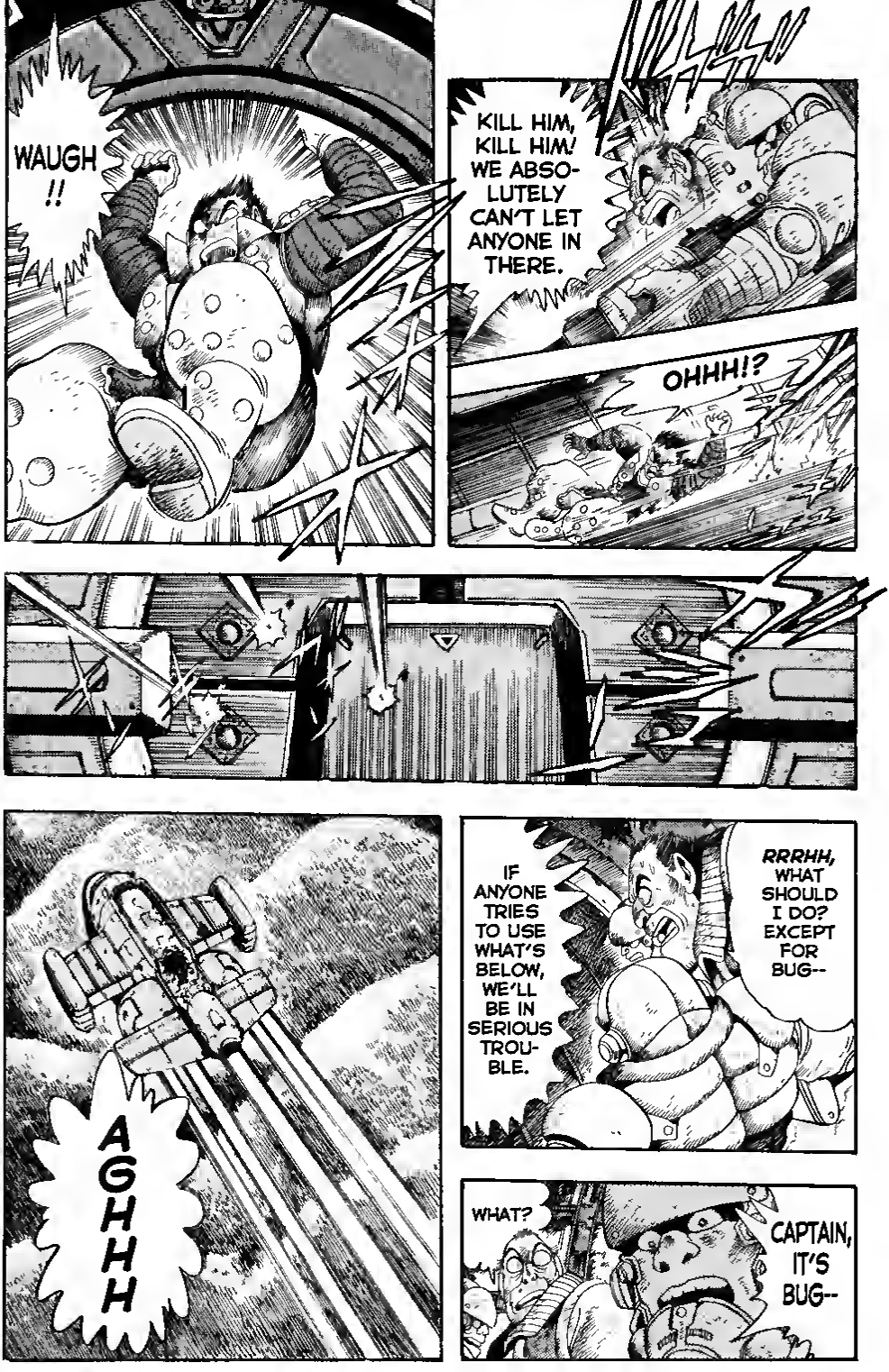
NIXON SEIKUN, BE CAREFUL. THE WAR BUG'S RATE OF DESCENT IS INCREASING!!
KENNEDY, WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?
YAMATO, YOU'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHIN'.
ARGH! WE'RE GONNA BE CRUSHED!
AHHHH!

LET HER HAVE THE CONTROL STICK.
HUH !?
LEAVE IT TO THE GIRL!? THIS AIN'T THE TIME TO BE MAKIN' JOKES. WE'RE GONNA DIE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
WE'RE FAR MORE LIKELY TO DIE IF WE LEAVE THIS TO YOU.

YOU'VE MADE A COMPLETE *MESS* OF MY WAR BUG.
I'LL KILL YOU"
RGH
BRING IT ON, MR. WAR!
I HOPE YOU'RE READY, KID.
HOW THE HELL OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?
RK-
HEHE, *GEE,* OLD FELLA. SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY *AWFUL* IN HERE.
HERE, TAKE SOME CANDY. SOME CANDY, *FROM ME TO YOU.*
HA HA
HEY, *YOUNG MAN,* ALL THAT STUFF CAN BE WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE. WE *WOULDN'T REALLY* KILL YOU!
RK-
UH OH.

AHHH, WE'RE DONE FOR.

WHOA
AGH-
IT'S BUG. AFTER THEM.
WHAT !?


WAUGH !!
KILL HIM, KILL HIM! WE ABSO-LUTELY CAN'T LET ANYONE IN THERE.
OHHH!?
IF ANYONE TRIES TO USE WHAT'S BELOW, WE'LL BE IN SERIOUS TROU-BLE.
RRRHH, WHAT SHOULD I DO? EXCEPT FOR BUG--
AGHHH
WHAT?
CAPTAIN, IT'S BUG--

KORYU, YOU ASSHOLE. I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS.
SHIT! THEY'RE GOIN' ON WITHOUT ME?
SON OF A BITCH.
WAUH
HUH? WHAT'D YOU SAY!?
PLEASE DESIGNATE A SEIKUN CODE.
PLEASE DESIGNATE A SEIKUN CODE.

WAUHHH! THEY'RE CATCHING UP.
YIEEEE! YA GOTTA STOP THIS WILD ACCELERATION. THE ENGINE'S GONNA FRY.
WAH
UGHH
AIEEE

GYAHH
COME OUT RIGHT AWAY.
HEY, JAPANESE KID. YOU CAN'T TOUCH ANYTHING IN THERE.
THE LASER'S NO GOOD, EITHER. THE ARMOR'S NOT EVEN SCRATCHED.
YAMATO
JUST WHAT THE HELL IS A SEIKUN CODE?
PLEASE DESIGNATE A SEIKUN CODE.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

YAMATO
WHO IS THAT CALLING ME?
!
I'M YAMATO.
YEAH, THAT'S ME. YAMATO.
CODE: YAMATO SEIKUN, ACCEPTED.
YAMATO.
DNA REGISTERED. CHINESE BOX, SEALED.
IS THIS THING MERGING WITH ME?
RGH
COLL-ECTING BLOOD.

YAMATO SEIKUN, STANDBY FOR LAUNCH!!
IT ACCEPTED SOMEONE OTHER THAN BUG. THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE.* I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
WAUH
WAIT.
I DUNNO ANYTHING ABOUT HANDLIN' A *THING* LIKE THIS.
YOU CAN'T ACTIVATE IT. STOP THIS!!
YOU HAVE TO STOP, JAP!!

STOP! THAT WEAPON IS MORE LUNATIC THAN EVEN A NUKE!!
IF YOU FULLY AWAKEN IT LIKE THIS, HERE IN CHINA--
THE ENTIRE CHINESE CONTINENT WILL BE WIPED OUT!!